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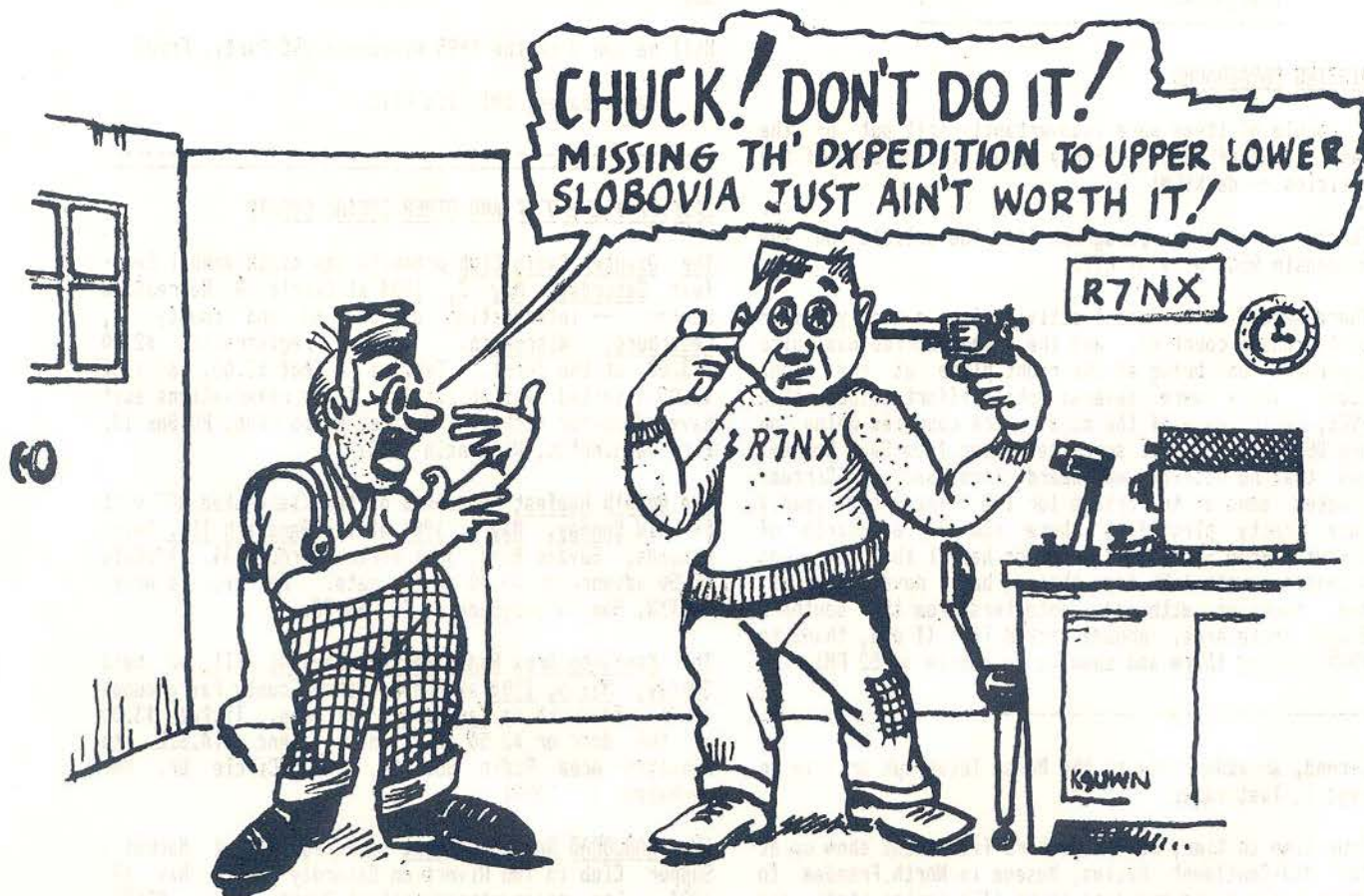
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It's Back in Our Hands... 160 meters is, at long last, back in Ham Radio hands in its entirety.

Our ARRL asked FCC for this action, after it appeared that Canada had discontinued Loran-A operation in part of the band.

Effective immediately, A1 and A3 emissions, with maximum permitted PEP output of 1500 watts, are now permitted in all areas under FCC jurisdiction on the entire 1800 to 2000 KHz band. (Taken from ARRL Bulletin NR 26, March 28, 1984.)

(ARRL supports you...are you supporting the ARRL? - k9zz)



Thanx "Ham Rag" - Rockford Amateur Radio Association

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MISSING PARAGRAPHS

A couple of items were inadvertently left out of the last issue of BSSS. (Sorry about missing some of the articles -- de K9EN)

First, a missing paragraph from the article on the Wisconsin QSO Party by K9ZZ.

There seemed to be decent activity from a goodly number of Wisconsin counties, and the number worked was quite dependent on being at the right place at the right time. There were several mobile efforts other than N9EZ, with many of the more scarce counties being on the QSO menu. A real surprise, being from Sauk County, was that no activity was heard from Sauk. (Circumstances send me to Portage for the event every year.) Once pretty plentiful, there now is a dearth of activity from Sauk County. Rumor has it that there was a small amount of RF from there, but I never heard it, and, checking with many contesters from the southern Badger State area, nobody worked it. (I did, thanks to K9EN's being there and showing up mobile on 52 FM).

Second, an added note to the Morse Telegraph article on page 1, last issue.

From time to time, motion picture film crews show up at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum in North Freedom to shoot major movie segments (like "The Immigrants") and other films. The most recent was a film being produced for Cadillac dealers. It won't be seen on TV, it's for

dealer use. If the footage isn't cut, you may see Bob King, KA9GNY, in a coach, having his ticket punched...providing you do get to see it at a dealer. KA9GNY - A real Ham!

de Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ

And another missed article from Jim.

10 Year Anniversary...Noticed that it was ten years ago April 12 that our good friend and superham, Fred Laun, K3ZD, was kidnapped, pistol-whipped, shot and drugged in Cordoba, Argentina, by a motley bunch of Marxist guerillas. Fred was working there for the U.S. Information Service. He was held captive for over 12 hours and was left lying in a remote area. He survived the attack, probably due in large part to the resounding outcry of his many Argentinian Ham friends.

Fred has to be one of the best known Hams worldwide. He is an avid contest, and says Argentina was the best contest QTH he has ever operated from.

His original call - in Kiel, Wisconsin - was W9SZR. While at the University of Wisconsin, he was very active from W9YT. Other calls he has held include HS4AL, HS1ABD, HS5ABD, H18XAL, LUSHFI (Argentina), and his current call, HK3NBB, in Bogotá, Columbia. He has also operated from Vietnam.

Fred is due back in the states soon, and will have a much more pleasant string of anniversaries to observe...he ties the marital knot this summer!

And Fred sez..."K3ZD will be back on the air in a big way!"

Will we see U in the 1985 Wisconsin QSO Party, Fred?

Felicidades, OM! Jim K9ZZ

SWAPFESTS AND OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS

The Ozaukee Radio Club presents its sixth annual Swapfest Saturday, May 5, 1984 at Circle B Recreation Center -- intersection of hwy 60 and county 1, Cedarburg, Wisconsin. Advance registration \$2.00 (\$3.00 at the door). Tables: 8 foot \$3.00, 6 foot \$2.00 (limited availability). Table reservations must have admission ticket. Ozaukee Radio Club, PO Box 13, Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074.

The DeKalb Hamfest sponsored by the Kishwaukee ARC will be held Sunday, May 6, 1984 at the Sandwich Ill. Fairgrounds, Suydam Road, just north of route 34. Tickets \$2.50 advance or \$3.00 at the gate. For tickets write WA9TXW, Box 349, Sycamore, IL 60178.

The Kankakee Area Radio Society Hamfest will be held Sunday, May 6, 1984 at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds on Rt. 54 South in Kankakee, Illinois. Tickets \$3.00 at the door or \$2.50 in advance. Send S.A.S.E. to Kankakee Area Radio Society, 1377 Circle Dr. NW, Kankakee, IL 60901

The MANCORAD Spring Banquet is being held at Machut's Supper Club in Two Rivers on Saturday night, May 19, 1984. For reservations contact Roger Beyer, W9NFX, 2213 - 9th Place, Two Rivers, WI 54241.

The Central Wisconsin Radio Amateurs will hold their Swapfest/Picnic on Sunday, June 3, 1984 at Bukholt Park in Stevens Point, WI.

The Starved Rock Radio Club will hold their annual Hamfest on Sunday June 3, 1984 at the Bureau County Fairgrounds in Princeton, Illinois. Registration: \$2.50 before May 20 or \$3.00 at the gate. Starved Rock Radio Club, R.F.D. No. 1, Oglesby, Illinois 61348

The Six Meter Club of Chicago, Inc will hold their 27th Annual Hamfest on Sunday, June 10, 1984 at Santa Fe Park, 91st and Wolf Rd., Willow Springs, Illinois -- southwest of Chicago. Advance registration \$2.00 or \$3.00 at the door. Val Hellwig, K9ZVW, 3420 South 60th Court., Cicero, Illinois 60650.

The South Milwaukee ARC Swapfest will be Saturday, July 7, 1984 at The American Legion Park on Shepard Ave. in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. For information contact The South Milwaukee ARC, P.O. Box 102, South Milwaukee, WI 53172.

The Lake Shore Swapfest and Public Brat Fry will be Saturday, July 14 at The Wilson Town Hall in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Free Tables. Registration: Advance \$2.50 (by June 30), \$3.00 at the door. For information write P.O. Box 895, Sheboygan, WI 53081. or call (414) 457-3203.

The Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual Hamfest on Saturday, July 14, 1984, at the 4-H buildings in Eau Claire from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Talk-in on 31/91 and 52 simplex. Free tables & coffee. Tickets \$2.00 in advance, \$3.00 at door. For info, tickets, send SASE to Gene Lieberg, KA9DWH, 2840 Saturn Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54703.

Hamfesters Radio Club will hold their 50th annual Hamfest on Sunday, August 12, 1984 at Santa Fe Park, 91st and Wolf Rd., Willow Springs -- Near Chicago. Advance reservations \$3.00 or \$4.00 at the door. Hamfesters Radio Club, Inc., P.O. Box No. 42792, Chicago, Illinois 60642.

The Illinois State A.R.R.L. Convention will be held on Sunday, August 26, 1984 at the Kane County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall in St. Charles, Illinois. Admission: \$2.00 advance or \$3.00 at the gate. SASE to Jerry Friedes, W9ZGP, 1501 Molitor Road, Aurora, IL 60505. Commercial and Flea Market: George R. Isely, WD9GIG, 736 Fellows St., St. Charles, IL 60174.

Radio Expo 84 will be held September 22nd and 23rd at the Lake County Fairgrounds, (halfway between Milwaukee and Chicago) Rts. 45 and 120, Grayslake, IL. \$4.00 for both days, \$3.00 in advance. Radio Expo, Box 1532, Evanston, Illinois.

As a service to our readers, this section of Badger State Smoke Signals is available without charge to list your upcoming Swapfest, Hamfest, dinner, picnic, party or other event of interest to Radio Amateurs in Wisconsin and nearby areas. Send information on your event to K9EN. In addition, space is available at attractive rates on our advertising pages and/or we can include your flyers. For information on rates and requirements please contact K9ZZ or K9EN.

When undecided between two evils, choose the better looking.

CLUB MEETINGS

Kettle Moraine Radio Association:

All meetings are held on the SECOND Friday of each month.

Madison Area Repeater Association

Next meeting will be September, 10, 1984.

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club:

All regular meetings of MRAC are scheduled for 1984 at Wauwatosa Savings and Loan Building, 7500 West State Street, will be held on the second Thursday of the month. May 10, Jun. 14, Sep. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8.

The Annual Spring Dinner Party will be Saturday May 5, 1984.

The MRAC annual meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 1984. Members in good standing will vote on the slate of officers for the next club year. Following the balloting will be the MRAC annual auction with the inimitable Travis Baird, W9VQD as the auctioneer.

The June 14th meeting will have installation of officers plus David DeFebo, WB9BWP, speaking on "Computer Aided Design".

West Allis Radio Amateurs Club

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at St. Francis Savings, 9330 W. Greenfield Ave., at 8:00 P.M.

The Wisconsin Nets Association

Delegates meeting June 2, 1984 at QTH of WB9ESM in Manitowoc.

The Wisconsin Valley Radio Association (Wausau)

holds regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The location varies, but information is available on the 146.04/64 repeater in Wausau.

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club: (Baraboo, WI)

All regular meetings of YTARC are held in room 34 of the Baraboo Civic Center. May 14, Jun. 12, Jul. 11, Aug. 16, Sep. 17, Oct. 16, Nov. 14, Dec. 13.

Let us know of your club meeting dates and we will let others know of your meetings and activities. There may be Amateurs in your area interested in joining your club or members of other clubs interested in making an interclub visit.

Interference ordinance modified

Excerpted from FOXTALES (Green Fox ARC)

Meeting minutes, March 23, 1984:

The newest piece of business that affects the club, and all Radio Amateurs in general, was a recently updated Ripon municipal ordinance, the text of which follows:

"Radio and Television Interference - Chapter 12.35

Section 12.35.010 Prohibited. No person shall operate any machine or equipment which causes interference with

radio or television interception, when such interference can be prevented by repairs, adjustments, the installation of corrective appliances, or other practicable alterations, at a reasonable expense."

Further investigation will be made as to whether or not something can be done to amend this ordinance. Steve, WB9ZRE, will be contacting the Amateurs involved in the incident reported in QST. In addition, the City Attorney will be contacted to discuss the ordinance and the federal statutes. All Amateurs were encouraged to attend the Ripon City Council meeting March 27.

Ripon Ordinance Report....

On Sunday, March 25, Steve, WB9ZRE, contacted Thomas Palmer, WX4V, the attorney who represented the Amateurs of Indian River Shores, Florida, as reported in QST. Tom provided ZRE with a brief summary of the actions taken to persuade their town council to amend their ordinance. In addition to providing a list of state and federal court cases supporting the Amateur's proposed amendment, Tom sent Steve additional documentation via mail.

Ken, W9ITW, researched the FCC laws pertaining to local government control over federally-licensed stations and discovered that the Communications Amendment Act of 1982, Public Law Excerpt Number 97-259, reserves exclusive jurisdiction to the FCC over matters involving RFI.

On Tuesday, Ken, Steve and Wally, KC9WD, attended the Ripon City Council meeting at City Hall. The matter of the proposed amendment was placed at the top of the agenda. Ken spoke to the council members on behalf of Ripon Radio Amateurs. The City Attorney expressed hostility to favoring the amendment, stating that the Amateur's request was over reactive. Ken countered that, as the ordinance is written, the City of Ripon would be required to act on any complaint of interference, including federally-licensed stations. Ken forwarded several letters documenting reasons for an amendment to the council chairman for further clarification. After 10 minutes of additional discussion, a motion was made to make the following addition to Chapter 12.53:

"The provision of this section shall not be construed as regulating any equipment, device, appliance or apparatus licensed or regulated by or under any act of Congress of the United States."

The motion was passed by the City Council with no dissenting votes.

(The Green Fox ARC will provide documentation to anyone sending an s.a.s.e. to Steve Loeffler, WB9ZRE, 123 W. Oshkosh, Ripon, Wisconsin 54971).

From THE ARRL LETTER

ARRL Board Selects New Leaders

The ARRL Board of Directors met in Hartford, CT, March 26-27, 1984. One of the first items on the agenda was the election of officers to serve until the 1986 Annual Meeting (approximately a two-year term). The new slate of officers is: Larry E. Price, W4RA, President; Leonard Nathanson, W0RC, First Vice-President; Gar Anderson, K0GA, Second Vice-President; Jay Holladay,

W6EJJ Third Vice-President; Richard Baldwin, W1RU, International Affairs Vice-President; David Sumner, K1ZZ, Secretary; James McCobb, K1LU, Treasurer.

The following directors were elected to the Executive Committee, which administers the League's affairs during the intervals between meetings of the Board: Paul Grauer, W0FIR; Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC; Lys Carey, K0PGM; Gay Milius, W4UG.

The Board reviewed background material on future ARRL participation in FCC's Volunteer Examiner program and discussed the matter in depth, ultimately reaffirming ARRL's desire to become a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) on a national basis, and authorizing the President and General Manager, on the effective date of the rules adopted in PR Docket 84-265 to permit the recoupment of expenses by VECs, to conclude an agreement with the FCC for the ARRL to serve as VEC for the 13 FCC-defined regions.

The complete minutes and a Board Meeting article will appear in the May 1984 issue of QST.

From WESTLINK REPORT

CW RETESTING DISMISSED

Wayne Green, (W2NSD) publisher of 73 Magazine, has had his "mandatory CW retesting of all Amateur operators" rule making request dismissed.

It was never assigned a Rule Making number by the FCC, who said that Green's proposal offered nothing new in the way of incentive to upgrade skill in the Amateur Service.

9TH DISTRICT VEC

The first 9th district VEC-administered exams will be given May 8 at the DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago. Amateurs in the 9th District who want to be tested at this session should contact the school directly for details. After 1 week off to evaluate the initial results, testing will resume and continue every Tuesday evening at the school. Tnx W9JUV.

STS-9 SWL CARDS have been mailed. Cards for confirmed QSOs with Dr. Garriott, W5LFL, will be mailed as soon as he affixes his personal signature and returns them to ARRL HQ. Tnx KB1N.

(To the best of my knowledge, no Badger State Amateurs made 2-way contact with W5LFL/Columbia. K9ZZ)

LEAGUE OF RADIO RELAYING AMERICANS ASKS END TO DX from GEARVAK Bulletin

At its Board of Directors meeting on December 25, the League of Radio Relaying Americans directed its legal counsel, Mr. R. Harlan Habeas, to petition the FCC to cease and desist the use of DX on all frequencies under its jurisdiction. Said Mr. Habeas, "The use of DX is outmoded, wasteful of natural resources, and unfair to minorities." FCC spokesman, Mr. Ralph R. Spiffie, told reporters that he knew nothing of the petition and that it would not be acted upon in any case because "the FCC is abandoning all its duties as of January 1, 1984." Mr. Spiffie then left the press room and went fishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

MISCELLANEOUS MISCELLANEOUS MISCELLANEOUS MISCELLANEOUS
Oh what the heck -- a few items of interest:

Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club
THE FEEDLINE

KD9E has received the 5-Band DXCC plaque from the ARRL.

K9BIL has cracked the 300 mark of countries worked and is now at 301. Also has worked 5BDXCC...still needs a few cards on 40 and 80.

N9ADN has a new Kenwood TS-930S and is selling his Drake Line.

KM9W has a Kenwood TL-922 amplifier. Go get 'em Bob!

Green Fox Amateur Radio Club (Green Lake)
FOXTALES

John, KD9GD, and Steve, WB9ZRE, have been operating air mobile while photographing area Amateurs' homes from the air.

Clarence, WA9YVC, is back from Arizona with a tan.

A.C., WB9RBC, and Vivian have returned from Texas.

John, KD9GD, purchased a TH5 Tribander, and Bob, N9BNI, purchased another Yaesu 28R at Madison.

Tri-County Amateur Radio Club

Bob, K9RIJ, tells us that Murphy is still around. Bob says that if you have an Icom with a drop-in charger that you may be in for surprised. Seems Bob put his Icom in the drop-in charger and went to bed - sometime later, his fire alarm went off - thank heavens - he found his kitchen filled with smoke - his Icom rechargeable battery melted and his recharger in ruins. Upon further investigation of components, it was discovered that the insert tab on the bottom of the battery pack was backwards from the factory - so Bob is buying new components and at least two more fire alarms.

Wisconsin Nets Association

For news of the WNA, see the WNA section of Smoke Signals.

West Allis Radio Amateurs Club

HANTRIX

Picnic: Remember, Saturday, June 9, at Muskego County Park. Watch HANTRIX for more details or contact Jim Borowski, WA9YSD.

Chairman Dave Engelmann, WB9GZP, announces the start of the new season of hidden transmitter hunting, beginning on April 17, and continuing each 3rd Tuesday through the month of November.

This month, HANTRIX saluted WA9HAH as the Station of the Month. Who is the Chief Operator? None other than Ed Scrip, Board Chairman, WARAC. (An excellent story by Les, W9YCV, in HANTRIX.)

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

For news of the YTARC, see the YTARC section of SS.

Our thanks to the above-mentioned clubs and their bulletins for the information presented. Badger State Smoke Signals will be pleased to exchange bulletins and information with your club. Please contact K9ZZ or K9EN.

NIGERIA - (CNO)
Nation at a glance

Country: On the tropical west coast of Africa, Nigeria has an area of 356,669 square miles, twice the area of California. It gets its name from the Niger River, which flows down from its northwest and empties into the Atlantic Ocean. It borders Benin, Niger, Chad and Cameroon.

People: Three tribes, the Ibo, Hausa and Yoruba, head a list of about 250 ethnic groups speaking as many languages. No census has been taken since 1963, when 55.6 million people were counted. Estimates now put the population at close to 100 million.

Religions: Concentrated in the north and east, Moslems make up more the half the population. The south has many Christians.

History: When the British arrived in the late 19th century, the territory that now is Nigeria was a series of states and city-states founded by the area's various ethnic groups. Nigeria became independent from Britain on Oct. 1, 1960, and in 1966 a military coup abolished the elected government. The next year civil war broke out as the Ibos fought for independence as Biafra, in eastern Nigeria. The war cost 1 million lives before it ended in Ibo defeat in 1970. The military regime permitted political activity in 1978, and the August 1979 elections brought Alhaji Shehu Shagari to the presidency. He was re-elected in August 1983, but ousted by a military coup last New Year's Eve.

Government: Shagari headed an American-style administration, with a bicameral legislature with a 95-member Senate and a 450-member House of Representatives. The new military regime, headed by Maj. Gen. Mohammed Buhari, governs through a 19-member Supreme Military Council.

Economy: With rich oil deposits, Nigeria had a boom economy until the recent drop in international oil prices. Oil export revenues slumped from \$22.4 billion in 1980 to \$9.6 billion in 1982. Nigeria has external debts of about \$20 billion, trade arrears of \$6.5 billion and seeks a \$2.00 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund.

SPECIAL EVENTS STATION W0EQD will be operating at the 15th Annual Spring Convocation (May 11, 12, and 13, 1984) of the Courage Handi-Ham System at Camp Courage (55 miles west of Minneapolis).

Operating times and frequencies:

Fri., May 11, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	75 meters	3.925
Sat., May 12, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	40 meters	7.250
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	20 meters	14.300
4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	75 meters	3.900

The Courage Handi-Ham System does great work helping handicapped people communicate by Amateur Radio. If you hear the Special Events Station on, give them a call.

If you will be in the area and would like to help they are in need of volunteers, or, if you would like to make a donation (tax deductible) contact:

COURAGE HANDI-HAM SYSTEM
3915 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55422

YELLOW THUNDER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The April meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club was held on April 12, 1984, in room 36 of the Baraboo Civic Center.

The meeting was called to order by President Art Kleefisch, W9WSS.

The following members were present for the meeting:

Art Kleefisch, W9WSS	Baraboo
Duane Grotophorst, KA9HKL	Sauk City
Ken Ebnetter, K9EN	Portage
Jim Decker, WB9UQT	Baraboo
Ken Johnson, K9DZG	Mazomanie
H. C. Mayland, K9FFT	Baraboo

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in Smoke Signals.

The Treasurers report was read and accepted. The report showed \$23.40 received from sale of donated parts at the MARA Swapfest. The only outstanding bill was \$21.60 for the second quarter mailing of Smoke Signals and meeting notice to the membership. Current balance in all accounts was \$312.87, including \$60.00 in the general reserve and, \$180.00 in the equipment reserve account.

Communications and announcements: The secretary read a few brief items from Westlink Report and The ARRL Letter. They were made available for reading, along with several exchange papers, following the meeting. A letter from the DeVry Amateur Radio Club regarding the Volunteer Examiner program was read and referred to the Executive Committee.

Ken, K9EN, brought along several new ARRL publications for examination: The 1984 ARRL Handbook, The Satellite Experimenter's Handbook and The ARRL DXCC Countries List.

There was a discussion of programs for the club meetings. There were several suggestions for possible programs.

The program for May will be on transceivers, conducted by Art, W9WSS. He will bring his SB-104, and will discuss its operation, along with the general operation of transceivers.

Ken, K9EN, will obtain a program from ARRL for the June meeting.

The door prize drawing was held. Since there had been no winner at the last two meetings, the amount was \$3.00. The lucky winner was Jim, WB9UQT.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Following the meeting, a program on the new rules for Amateur Radio power output measurement, how it is measured, and what the changes mean to the average Amateur was held. Ken, K9EN, described the new rules, and all present joined in the discussion following. During the discussion of power definition and measurement, much use was made of the blackboard and reference to the ARRL Handbook.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth A. Ebnetter, K9EN, Secretary

MEMBER BIRTHDAY:

We wish a Happy Birthday to Phil Anderson, W9TP, on May 31.

We have a few members that we do not have information sheets on at this time. If you receive a request for one, please complete and return it so that we can get your birthdays listed. We also use the information sheet to make up the club roster, and for the annual report from Affiliated Clubs to the ARRL.

The May meeting of the YTARC will be Monday, May 14, 1984, at 7:30 pm, in room 34 of the Baraboo Civic Center. Following a brief business meeting, there will be a program on transceivers, presented by Art Kleefisch, W9WSS. Art will bring his Heath SB-104 along. Discussion will include operation, adjustment, and servicing of transceivers in general, in addition the SB-104.

The June meeting will be on Tuesday, June 12, 1984, with a program from ARRL.

Note: Due to scheduling requirements of the Baraboo Civic Center, it is occasionally necessary to change the meeting room to another room (usually adjoining). So if you do not find anyone, look around. We will try to have a sign posted if there is a change.

Circus Parade Help Needed!

As previously mentioned in this paper, Amateur Radio has been asked to help with a genuine, gigantic, grand, glorious, great (and really neat) Circus Street Parade in Baraboo on July 7, 1984. It's being staged by the world-famous Circus World Museum of Baraboo. Since our last blurb, several ops have come forth, but many more are needed. Operation will be on 2-meter FM. If you don't have 2-meter gear, we can probably find some for you. We sure need your help! If you can provide that help, please RSVP Jim Decker, WB9UQT, P.O. Box 337 Baraboo, WI 53913-0337. (608) 356-5376...and reachable on Baraboo 28/88.

-K9ZZ

Don't forget the next meeting.

Have your name with the list of attendees.

Monday, May 14, 1984 -- 7:30 p.m.

WANT ADS

For Sale: Complete station package. Hallicrafters FPM-300 -- It has been updated by a Hallicrafters tech. Package also includes Dentron antenna tuner, MFJ keyer, MFJ CW filter and Radio Shack SWR/power meter. Asking \$400.00. Ed Statz, WD9ESJ, Rte. 3, Box 154A, Baraboo Wisconsin 53913. (608) 522-4950,1.

Your ad can run here...For a mere fifty cents a line, you, too, can advertise in Badger State! Send your copy and humble remittance to Keeper of the Funds, Jim Decker, WB9UQT, P.O. Box 337, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913-0337

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WIN-E	YES	3662	0000Z	1900	WB9ICH
WIN-L	YES	3662	0300Z	2200	K9LGU
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WCWTN	YES	.31/.91	2330Z	1830	N9AUG

WIN Early

Larry Guthu, WB9ICH, NM WIN/E
706 W. Jennings
New London, WI 54961

Well folks, if you haven't already heard the news, I have taken over WIN/E Net Managership from Les, W9YCV, as of April 1. I hope that I will be able to keep up the fine job which Les has done in the past. I am sure that, with all of your help and co-operation, it will be no trouble.

Les will still be active for WIN/E as a delegate to the WNA, as well as Hale, W9CBE, so if you have any suggestions, comments, or things you want aired at a WNA meeting, let us know and we'll do our best to help.

OK, now to the business at hand, we are still looking for SSB reps to bring traffic to WIN/E from the WSEN on the following days: Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Saturday. If you would like to help out, let me know.

I wish to thank the NCSs and Reps for the fine jobs they've done during the past week or so under some extremely harsh conds. They make it seem almost like business as usual. Keep up the good work gang.

I see that QNI is slowly making its way down to the usual summer slump syndrome; but traffic is holding fairly steady. Our traffic offered/cleared is averaging 83.76% for the first three months of this year, which is good, so keep up that WINING spirit.

Well, I guess that's all for this time 'round. See you on the nets.

73, Larry WB9ICH

FIELD DAY - YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Richard Regent, K9GDF
Technical Coordinator

Spring is here and although the peak excitement of field day activity is just a short time away, preparations by many Amateur Radio clubs and groups throughout Wisconsin began long ago. The primary purpose of Field Day, you'll recall, is to encourage emergency preparedness on the part of Amateur clubs and other groups.

There's plenty of opportunity for active old timers to

assist new club members in learning about Amateur Radio technology, before, during and even after the Field Day event. But, you say, everything's going to be the same as last year. That's superb if you've got full participation.

But what if interest dwindles? In order to get everyone trained and involved, especially the beginners, try changing the Field Day location or entry class every few years. For example, your 1984 site could be on a hill at a completely different area than last year, you could use simple antennas and operate in the QRP battery-powered class.

Sound ridiculous? Well, first consider that the higher elevation of a hill could boost signal strength, while a simple vertical antenna might develop more U.S. and Canadian QSOs per hour than a highly directional beam - Field Day is not a DX contest. On the other hand, arranging to rent cherry-picker trucks for mounting beams high up on towers shouldn't be on your priority list, it's not in the spirit of the original intent of Field Day.

Next, the QRP and battery-powered transmitter might add excitement, since it's more like spur-of-the-moment, get-together-what-you-can, real emergency equipment.

A high Field Day score, in my opinion, is of secondary importance and not necessarily an indicator of preparedness. Club members can develop winning station set-ups with proper guidance, by using skilled operators, and through planning and good strategy - yet keeping the Field Day purpose in mind. Clubs competing against each other in Wisconsin continue to strive for higher scores each year and unfortunately may reach a point where the effort necessary to improve, even a small amount, overwhelms and frustrates their marginal Field Day participants. That's when variety and ingenuity can be dispatched to the rescue.

Fresh thinking by leaders in your club may be a key step to help all Wisconsin Amateurs in this year's Field Day, not only to truly prepare for emergencies, but also to gain insight into modern Amateur Radio and kindle new enthusiasm.

Wisconsin STM Report

Gene Santoski, K9UTQ
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It is once again time to include another traffic blurb in this publication.

Spring is upon us once again and with increased static levels resulting from numerous thunderstorms, it becomes even more important to be sure that you copy your traffic accurately. Use of phonetics (ICAO standard) is a great asset in heavy QRN situations. Repeats and/or relays become even more prevalent. Guess this is Mother Nature's way of keeping us on our toes.

I would like to call your attention to two articles that have appeared in two major Amateur Radio publications. CQ magazine for March carried an article on slow-speed nets (page 28) as did QST (page 88-Public Service Column). They are both very good reading.

While on the subject, there is a reprint of a December 1976 QST article in each ARRL Net Directory entitled "checking into Slow-Speed Nets." Again, good reading.

Don't be afraid of CW nets. They are not all that bad! We need more people participating on these nets. Schedules of these and all Wisconsin nets are listed elsewhere in this publication. CHECK IN-YOU'RE NEEDED!!

I have recently sent a copy of the first quarter net stats to all NMs. The totals for all nets combined by category follows:

Sessions: 802
Checkins: 15,010
Tfrc offered: 7,726
Tfrc cleared: 7,414
Time (minutes): 24,630

This works out to be 96% of traffic was cleared. A very commendable record I might add!

It goes without saying that the net with the most activity (checkins/traffic) continues to be the Badger Weather Net. Those "early birds" do a great job. Keep up the good work fellas!

Let's continue to go out and recruit new members into our fold. Talk about nets and traffic handling at your local club meetings and offer your assistance to newcomers. WE NEED NEW PEOPLE! I wish I could attend every club meeting in the state and give a talk on traffic handling but, obviously, this is not economically possible. I do hope that I can visit a few new clubs this summer. I would like each of you to let me know (by formal Radiogram - of course) the dates and meeting times of your local clubs. Perhaps I can include a few in my vacation plans around the State this summer.

The WNA sponsored Traffic Workshops are going quite well. As of this writing we have had 3 so far and participation by those present at these workshops has been quite encouraging. They are held once a month on a Saturday immediately following the Badger Emergency Net at noon. Watch for dates of future sessions and JOIN IN!!

As of May 1, K9ANV, will be relinquishing his post as Net Manager for the Wisconsin SSB Net. Ray's personal situation just does not allow him to continue in that capacity. I want to thank Ray for the fine job he has done the past year as NM. I am sure that he will keep as active as he possibly can in our nets.

Rob, WA9ZTY, of Marshall will be taking over as NM. I am sure that Rob will do a fine job and appreciate any assistance that you can give him - such as getting your net reports to him within three days of being NCS. I don't think that is asking too much. Good luck Rob!!

There has also been a recent change in NM on the Wisconsin Intrastate/Early Net. Les, W9YCV has bowed out and is succeeded by Larry, WB9ICH, of New London. Many of you recall that Larry was the NM of the WSDN some years back so he has experience in that capacity.

The biggest change is yet to come!! We have a new Section Manager - Rich, K9GDF, of Milwaukee. After many (11) years of faithful and dedicated service, Roy K9FHI, has decided that the time has come to get someone new at the job.

I don't think many of you realize what the job of SM entails. There is a lot of administrative work involved which takes a lot of personal effort and time on the part of the person holding that top position in the Section. They are responsible for getting a monthly column in QST (Section Activity) and making various leadership appointments within the Section. There are also the many meetings, hamfests and dinners to be attended whenever possible. The SM is the voice of the ARRL at Section level. This, in itself, is quite a responsibility.

I personally feel that Roy has done a wonderful job in all respects as the 14th SM since taking the job in 1973.

He was always there when needed and a jovial and fun loving as well as serious leader. He took his responsibilities in stride and always got the job done.

His term was not always an easy one. There have been a lot of changes in Amateur Radio and the League in 11 years. Roy was always willing to accept these changes - sometimes reluctantly - but always with sincerity. Roy knew when he took the job that it wouldn't always be an easy one. The SM's job entails a lot of politics and that means that you can't please everyone - hard as you try. I am sure that during Roy's 11 year tenure as SM, he has gained many respected friends and some enemies. It's part of the game.

At any rate, the success of Amateur Radio leans heavily on the SM and his assistants at Section level. It is through their efforts in the past that have given Amateur Radio a good look in the public eye.

THANKS A LOT for the great job Roy. You deserve a rest - make the most of it.

Roy's successor, Rich, K9GDF, has a big shoe to fill, and he knows it. However, I don't think he will have any trouble accomplishing that feat. Like Roy, Rich is a very dedicated Amateur and will surely continue in Roy's tradition as well as those before him in keeping Amateur Radio alive in Wisconsin. There is no doubt in my mind that Rich is the guy who can "keep the ball rolling."

However, he cannot do it alone. He needs the same assistance and cooperation that you have given Roy the past 11 years. In return, I am sure that Rich will serve the Wisconsin Section well. BEST OF LUCK RICH!!

That does it for this one. CU on the nets.

73,

Gene, K9UTQ
STM-Wisconsin

Heard from an NCS (he prefers to remain unidentified) calling the net:

"When you call in you must recognize yourself so we know who you are!"

Have you heard about the elevator operator who got fired:

He couldn't remember the route.

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I sent off my order, expecting to wait some length of time, and got another pleasant surprise...it was just a week from mailing the order until the parts were stuffed in my mailbox...so quick was the service, I weren't even nervous. (Please forgive the semi-poetic nature of this piece.)

Fast service and, certainly, decent prices are rare indeed, but that's what I got from Icom. My hat's off to them for caring for their customers!

Icom does seem to support their dealers, and you won't be able to buy stock items which can be purchased from dealers, but, if you need parts, it's nice to know you can get 'em.

For parts, the address is: Icom America, Inc., 2112 116th Ave., NE, Bellevue WA 98004. Attention: Parts Dept.

Jim Rowelfanger, K9ZZ/K9DDK

Didja Buy a new piece of gear lately? Badger State is interested in your comments on its performance. And...what are your impressions of the manual and other documentation? Write it up and share it with our readers. Send to K9ZZ, address on page 2.

Thanx -- K9ZZ

YOU, TOO, CAN BE A LAMPLIGHTER

From Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association, (LEARA)
by George Hinds, N8CIX

In this hobby of FM communicating, each of us has a wonderful opportunity to spread that which this old world greatly needs: friendship.

Our hobby gives us the unique privilege of going into someone else's life at any given moment simply by pushing a button; once there, we can spread cheerfulness, sympathy, knowledge, understanding -- whatever the circumstances may call for -- if we but care a little for that fellow human being, and if we will take the time and expend the effort to take that first step: Push the mic button and say "hello!"

Our money outlay for our rig (or rigs in most cases) has been substantial. Before that, we had to work indeed to earn the privileges of being licensed. For most of us, we went a step further and joined the League and a local club or two so as to be a part of a

supporting group in the fraternity of Ham Radio. Frankly, we put out a bit of effort, time and money to get on the air.

But, once they've gone that far, why do so many only listen, or not even listen? Radios apparently go unused for weeks on end, the opportunity to make new friends and reinforce old friendships goes by, and never is that costly equipment or that hard-won license used to serve our fellow man who may be in distress on the highway, or that community organization desperately in need of effective communications for some special event. If service to the public is a basis for our being extended the spectrum privileges we enjoy, (and it is) why do only 10% of the Radio Amateurs volunteer for such service? In reality, 10% of the Amateur fraternity carries the obligation for the other 90%.

Aside from the public service area such as parades, marathons, heart and cancer benefit drives, etc., a substantial number of Amateurs decline to converse with the new voices, or even with transients passing through. Of course, almost every area appears to have at least one private repeater, usually on an oddball frequency, or a little used band, where the local egocentrics hang out, but you can forget them -- and most folks already have. However, while that type are not missed, the fact remains the large number who simply don't use their rigs are missed -- certainly by those who might need some brief assistance, or who would like a few minutes of friendly conversation to pass the time, or even revitalize a tired driver when their calls go unanswered.

Long ago, a famed Scottish comedian, singer, and songwriter named Sir Harry Lauder loved to tell of the old lamplighter of the village where he lived as a boy. Each evening as dusk came on, the old man would make his rounds with his ladder and light. He would put the ladder against a light post, climb up, light the lamp, step down, pick up the ladder, and proceed to the next lamp. "After awhile," said Sir Harry, "He would be out of sight down the street. But I could always tell which way he had gone from the lamps he had lighted."

I think that may be the greatest tribute any of us can get from our fellow Radio Amateurs. I hope you will, after reading this piece, resolve to more frequently use your radio and your talent as an Amateur to make other folks feel good through a little "milk of human kindness" which simply equates to some friendly conversation on the air.

So what if the person calling for a contact is a stranger? Most often, a stranger is simply a friend you haven't met. And, if that voice out there is familiar then take a few moments to renew and refresh that friendship. You'll feel better. As you go down this street we call life, the friends you have made in Amateur Radio can then readily follow your course by the lamps you have lighted.

I hope you will resolve to become a "lamplighter."

(sent to BSSS by Dan, W9MYG)

We apologize for the typing errors....they just seem to creep in and I haven't the heart to cast them back into the limbo from whence they came. Maybe next time the gates will be more flexible and better guarded.

Taken from THE SINE OF THE TIMES.

BSSS Welcomes the incoming Section Manager for the Wisconsin Section of the American Radio Relay League...Rich Regent, K9GDF.

Rich succeeds Roy Pedersen, K9FHI, of Juneau, who has held that position for five two-year terms.

Rich brings to office with him much experience and many interests in Amateur Radio. He is serving in the appointive position of ARRL Section Technical Coordinator (a relatively new ARRL position). He is a devoted contest operator (you couldn't miss him in the Wisconsin QSO Party) and is active in traffic nets as well. He is a frequent contributor of articles for this paper. He computes, too.

He is an active member of the W/K Contest Club, headquartered in Milwaukee.

Welcome aboard, Rich!

And, thanx to Roy, K9FHI, for his untiring efforts and dedication to Badger State Ham Radio for ten years.

Rich's address is: 5003 South 26th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53221.

Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, Editor

More Westlink Report

THE DECISION OF THE ARRL Board of Directors to go ahead with involvement in the Volunteer Examination Program is contingent with the ability of VECs to recoup expenses incurred administering the program. On the effective date of the Rules change that permits collection of fees to offset expenses, the ARRL will file application to become a VEC in all 13 testing districts and will attempt to conclude an agreement with the FCC for that purpose. The League has already filed comments on PR Docket 84-256 expressing its support of the implementation of fees. Tnx KB1N.

ACTING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, The ARRL filed a Motion for Expedited Action in the matter of PR Docket 82-83. The document requests the Commission to expand US radiotelephone allocations on the 75, 15 and 10 meter Amateur bands. Also filed was a Petition for Rule Making that would give early use of the 24.890-24.990 MHz and 902-908 MHz Amateur spectrum allocated at the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference. In its request, the League seeks to amend Part 97.61 of the Rules. Tnx KB1N, ARRL

PERSONAL NOTES

From Squelch Tale

Here are five simple rules for a fuller, happier life:

1. Don't worry about whose turn it is. When it is your turn, the rules will be changed.
2. Don't worry if you don't understand it. If you did understand it, it would be obsolete.
3. Don't worry if it isn't simple. No matter how simple it is, someone will screw it up.
4. Don't worry if everything isn't coming your way. If everything was coming your way, you would probably be in the wrong lane.

5. To lead a truly full and happy life, a person must believe in something.

Your Editor's QTH Changed last October. Most of our exchange paper editors caught that and those papers arrive in my little aluminum mailbox without delay. Some, however, are still mailing to my old QTH in Baraboo. In fact, some are still being sent to my really old address on Moore Street in Baraboo. Here's what happens under those circumstances: The mail arrives in Baraboo. Hmmm..He's not on Moore Street anymore. It goes to Madison. They plaster a gummy yellow sticker on it. It goes back to Baraboo. Hmmm. He's not on Martiny Court anymore. It goes back to Madison. They slap on another gummy yellow sticker. It then lands here. All of this adds one full week or more to delivery! Some papers are mailed third class, and those are chucked in the Postal Services garbage and never land in my little aluminum mailbox.

I got a bunch of QSLs for Wisconsin QSO Party contacts, and one had two gummy yellow stickers...which presented a real battle, since they were on the information about the Cue So. My current address is: Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, Rte. 1, Box 770, North Freedom WI 53951-9799. If you're still using one of my old addresses, would appreciate it if you would correct it. Many thanx.

Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, Editor.

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT THEM

When the club is called to order
And you look about the room
You're sure to see some faces
That from out the shadows loom
That are always at the meetings
And stay 'till it is through
The ones that I would mention
Are the always faithful few.

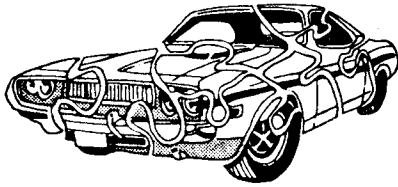
They fill the vacant chairs
As they're always on the spot
No matter what the weather
Though it may be awful hot
It may be dark and rainy
But they are tried and true
The ones that you rely on
Are the always faithful few.

There are lots of worthy members
Who will come when in the mood
When everything's convenient
They can do a little good
They're a factor in the club
And are necessary too
But the ones who never fail us
Are the always faithful few.

If it were not for these faithful
Whose shoulders at the wheel
Keep the Club moving onward
Without a halt or reel.
What would be the fate of clubs
Who have so much to do
They surely would go under
But for the faithful few.

--Anonymous

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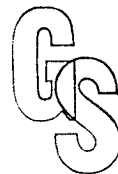
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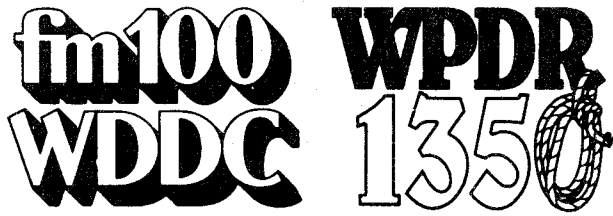
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